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Nomex is an uncomplicated material but it has been the subject of many questions, misconceptions, abuses, and just plain untruths. Hopefully, this article will answer any questions you may have and tell you what you should know about your Nomex clothing.

THE MATERIAL

Nomex is a unique manmade material that is permanently fire retardant. It is a type of nylon that will not melt and stick to the skin as other types of synthetic fibers do. Female firefighters should remember that heat transfer through Nomex could be high enough to melt synthetic undergarments.

Nomex is resistant to temperatures up to about 700° F. and then begins to char and form a dry, brittle residue that can be brushed away when the heat source is removed.

Nomex will not support combustion as other natural and manmade materials will. For example, if a flame is placed directly on cotton, nylon, dacron, etc., the material will burn and continue to burn when the heat source is removed. In contrast Nomex will not char or burn when the heat source is taken away.

Nomex will burn if contaminated with flammable substances such as petroleum products or household starch. If your Nomex does become contaminated with any flammable product, simply launder or dryclean it.

THE FIT

Nomex clothing was designed to be worn rather loosely to provide an airspace between the fabric and the skin. This airspace acts as insulation from heat sources. Do not alter your Nomex, because snugly fitted Nomex negates the effectiveness of the airspace.

STATIC ELECTRICITY

Tests for static electricity build-up were conducted at Wright-Patterson AFB on a variety of materials, including Nomex. There were no significant differences in the generation of static electricity among materials tested.

Another equally important safety procedure is plugging in the bonding

wire from the fuel nozzle to the aircraft *before* the fuel cap is removed. *Replace* the fuel cap before unplugging the bonding wire.

If your Nomex becomes saturated with fuel, the saturated area should be thoroughly soaked or deluged in water before removal of the uniform to prevent static electricity from igniting the fumes.

The Army reports that one aircraft crewmember received first and second degree burns when his fuel-soaked clothing was ignited by static electricity as he tried to remove them without first washing the saturated area with water.

CLEANING

Nomex can be drycleaned safely without altering its fire retardant qualities. Any drycleaning solvent remaining in the garment is soon dissipated into the air, thus eliminating any fire hazard.

Nomex can also be laundered as many times as necessary and still be fire retardant. Since it is an easily cleaned synthetic fiber, you may not need a full wash cycle. Simply set the washing machine on a short cycle; e.g., "delicate" or "wash and wear" and use a good brand detergent.

"Spray and Wash" can be used for removing spots. Close the zippers to prevent damage and fasten the velcro to avoid picking up lint.

The water temperature you use to wash your Nomex and how you dry it is strictly up to you. Home hot water heaters and dryers do not get hot enough to harm the material.

When you remove your uniform from the washer or dryer, hang it up so the wrinkles will fall out. You can even iron it if you want to.

If Nomex is tumble dried separately from all other materials, an antistatic strip probably will not be required to get rid of static electricity. The rubbing together of dissimilar materials causes the buildup of static electricity.

Detergents, fabric softeners, and antistatic strips leave a residue which accumulates on Nomex. This affects the fabrics "wickability", i.e., the ability to transport water (sweat) to aid in evaporation and cooling.

You can test your clothing's "wickability" by placing a drop of water on clean clothing. If the water soaks in within 10 to 12 seconds, fine; if it takes 30 seconds or longer, or it simply beads on the material, your Nomex needs to be drycleaned to remove residue.

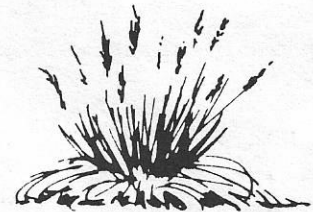
If you have ever wondered why it was so difficult to dry yourself with a towel from a hotel or motel, it's because they use strong detergents and softeners which greatly decrease the ability to absorb water.

Nomex is Nomex regardless of the weave, color, or article of clothing. Take care of it and it will take care of you when you need it most.

Next month: Watch for falling rocks.

PHOTOS

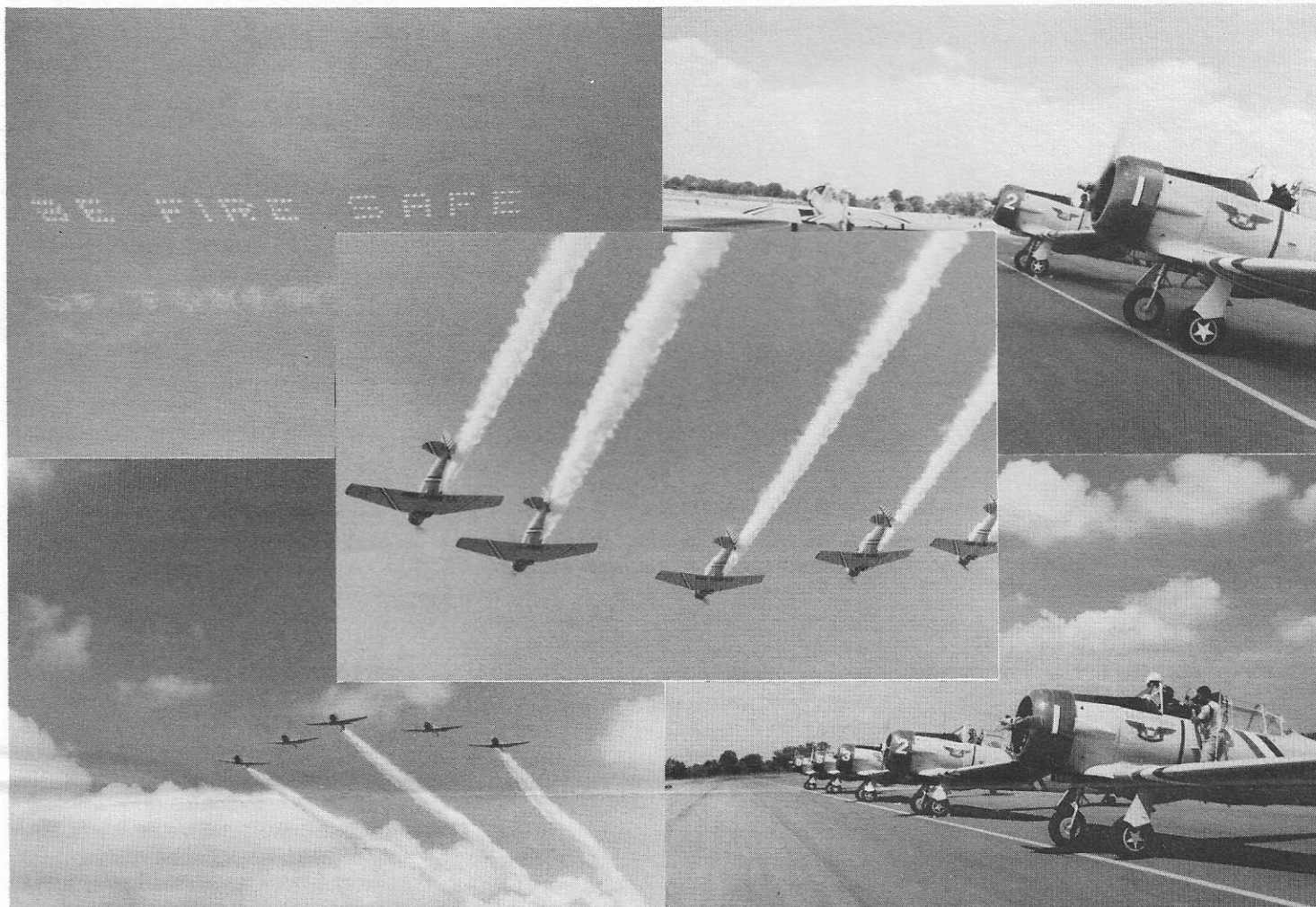
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Fire Prevention is in the AIR



It was an awesome sight: Five World War II (SNJ-2) fighter planes rolling single file down the runway; into the air; and back over the airport in formation, side by side.

A scene from an old movie? A news reel from WW II? Or, a CDF fire prevention event? If you chose the last answer you were right. A new method of fire prevention was in the **AIR** for CDF June 5.

With this year's fire season looking like potentially one of the worst in recent years every effort is being made to get the CDF fire prevention message across. In cooperation with CDF, the Miller High Life Squadron skytyped fire prevention messages over the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys from noon to 4 p.m.

This experimental program with Miller High Life will be evaluated for its effectiveness, both for CDF and Miller High Life, and a continuing cooperative program will be considered.

As far as *effectiveness* goes, Sacramento and San Joaquin Valley residents were treated to the sight of five WW II red, white, and blue fighter planes, flying in formation, creating white puffy letters, 1,200 feet high (the height of the Empire State Building), and six to eight miles long. How could you miss it??

The messages are produced when a special solution for making "smoke" is injected into the plane's exhaust manifold. There it is steamed and compressed before being forced into 10-foot-long pipes on the starboard wings of the planes. When the solution hits the colder air at an altitude of 10,000 feet, a large puff or dot of white "smoke" is formed.

When the five Miller planes are flying in tight formation, they produce computerized dots in unison, thus forming letters and words.

With a visibility radius of nearly 30 miles, the Squadron's message can sometimes cover more than 400

miles. CDF's messages included: Calif. Dept. of Forestry: Be Fire Safe; and Report Arson, Cash Reward.

Prior to taking off, a press reception was held at the Sacramento Metro Airport. The Miller Squadron and various CDF aircraft were on display and their pilots were on hand to answer questions. A number of local media from the newspapers, television and radio attended the event, thus spreading the fire prevention message of CDF even further.

Prior to this printing, a similar event is scheduled in southern California for June 22. If it is anywhere as impressive as the northern California event Miller High Life and CDF can be pleased with the results.

One other note; this entire event was paid for by Miller High Life; therefore it was at no cost to the taxpayers of California.

"Gettin' ready for summer"



Bob Kerstiens, ranger-in-charge at Tehama-Glenn Ranger Unit, Director Partain (wearing his "honorary Tehama County firefighter hat"), and Roy Berridge, timber lands manager for Diamond International.

(Excerpts from the following story and photo were taken from an article that appeared in the Red Bluff Daily News by Kathy Mulady, May 24, 1984.)

Ishi Conservation Camp in Region II was the site of the annual "gettin' ready for summer" meeting May 23, 1984. The spring fire planning meeting has been held annually for 22 years since first being organized by Diamond International Timberlands Manager Roy Berridge and CDF's Robert Kerstiens.

The idea for the annual gathering of representatives from CDF, the U.S. Forest Service, Diamond International, Wheeler Logging, and others was started in 1959 after a devastating fire raged through forestlands in Tehama County.

Hundreds of firefighters and heavy machine operators from three coun-

ties responded to the call but there was no cooperation between the groups involved - no one knew who was doing what, according to Berridge.

The annual meetings are designed to let everyone who works in the woods during the summer know what equipment, manpower, and other fire fighting tools are available in an emergency so everyone can work together. "Our track record has been pretty good ever since," Berridge said.

Director Partain was presented a certificate and an old-time firefighter's helmet with "Tehama County" painted on it, by Russ Frey, chairman of the Tehama County Board of Supervisors.

"We want to show our appreciation to Jerry Partain for cooperation with us as much as he does, and

also to make him an honorary Tehama County firefighter," Frey added.

The director said he saw the helmet as a "symbol of cooperation between state and county that saves everyone - industry and CDF - money in the long run."

Emergency funds should become available this year for aid in battling larger fires, a state official told the group during the meeting, and money has been provided to bring the Vina-based initial-fire attack helicopter into service June 15 - two weeks earlier than usual.

But it was also announced that no additional machinery, equipment or personnel will be made available, in spite of dire predictions for a long, hot fire season.

Smith and Wesson commemoratives

CDF Peace Officers have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to purchase a CDF commemorative revolver. These Smith and Wesson commemoratives are .357 caliber, model 66 stainless steel with a four-inch barrel and round butt frame.

They are engraved with a CDF star badge on the side plate and your badge number will be engraved. Also, the barrel is engraved with the words "CDF peace officer commemorative".

They are presented in an engraved oak wood case lined with a fine green fabric. The box will have the words "CDF peace officer commemorative" on the cover. The revolvers are a good value at \$350, plus \$21 sales tax.

Applications are available through your fire prevention supervisor or regional fire prevention program manager. More details are on the application. Revolvers are also available to retired CDF peace officers.

The deadline for applications and payment is July 15, 1984. There will be *no exceptions* for late arrivals. Delivery is expected in about January 1985. Credit cards are accepted.



Softball 1984

the "good"

and the "bad" news



New champs

by Tess Albin-Smith

The fourth annual CDF softball tournament at Elk Grove was bigger and better than ever this year. Held on Mother's Day weekend, there were 21 entries from fire stations, ranger units, and headquarters' offices throughout the state, including one team from San Diego and four teams from Mendocino and Humboldt counties! Chiefs and seasonals shared the field as equals against their rival region teams, and family members made plays and double plays that would have shocked Billy Martin.

The tourney ended in a surprise upset of the favored Tehama-Glenn Cowboys (champs in 1982 and 1983) when they were beaten for the second time by the Butte County Bombers. The Cowboys eventually dropped to third place when the undefeated Outsiders (Sacramento) and Bombers emerged in a final two-game battle for the championship on Sunday. End result — Butte takes it all!

The final standings are printed below. As tournament director, I heard many suggestions for next year, but the best suggestion was to call this the Mike Schori Memorial Tournament. Chief Mike Schori was team pitcher and one enthusiastic player for the Fresno Sierra Claimjumper since 1980. We sure missed him this year!

STANDINGS

- 1st Butte Bombers I
- 2nd Hqs. Outsiders
- 3rd Tehama-Glenn Cowboys
- 4th Tulare Misfits

- 5th Fresno/Sierra Claimjumper
Tuol./Cala. Leftovers
San Diego Insane Diegans

- 6th Tuol./Cala. Whonots*
Butte Bombers II
Mendocino Lumberjacks

- 7th Hqs. Fraptors
Hqs. Hotshots
Redding Buzzards
Humboldt Slagle Sluggers
Santa Rosa, Richard's
Rascals
Ama./El D. Nuggets

- 8th Nev/Yub/Pla. NYP's
HQ Spitfires
Humboldt Redwood Giants
Humboldt Stalag 31
San Mateo Big Mack Attack

*Consolation tourney winner

It has been a week now since I participated in the annual Statewide CDF Softball Tournament. I honestly believed that the feelings of disappointment that the weekend left me with would fade and be forgotten. They might fade sometime, but they haven't yet.

First, let me strongly emphasize my support for the softball tournament. For several years, CDF teams from up and down the state have been coming to Elk Grove Park near Sacramento to participate in the tournament in the spirit of friendly competition.

Many CDF'ers bring their families, spend the weekend, and hopefully get to know their co-workers. Tess Albin-Smith from Sacramento Headquarters has done an excellent job organizing the tourney, which has grown from eight teams in the first tournament to 21 teams in the 1984 edition. A lot of hard work is done to make the weekend an enjoyable one for participants and family alike, and Tess deserves praise for her organizational efforts.

Unfortunately, the theme of friendly competition and camaraderie was apparently lost to a handful of participants. While most teams and participants were cordial and displayed proper sportsmanship, there was a small but vocal group of people who took it upon themselves to ruin the spirit of goodwill and friendship which had been intended.

I stood aghast as individuals on my team, as well as the team as a whole, was subject to ridicule and drunken jeering of the worst kind. Never, in my two decades of organized amateur sports have I been witness to such obvious contempt, and for what? Because we were good? Because we represented Sacramento Headquarters? Because they knew they were getting to us? What could have possibly brought on such a display of obnoxious behavior and poor conduct?

I watched as fellow members of this honorable organization nearly came to blows, with family and friends looking on in disbelief. I watched as members of that same organization jeered and laughed when an injured member of my team attempted to run to first base, only to be thrown out by a wide margin. And I watched the dismay in the faces of my team, puzzled that the game had degenerated into something far less than a sporting event.

In 1984 I chose to spend Mother's Day with the families and friends of the California Department of Forestry. It seems unfortunate to me that in 1985, I will think twice, and even three times, before I will involve myself in the tournament. I have talked to many people who have similar reservations.

To all the teams who competed in the spirit of friendly competition, congratulations on a job well done. To my own team, the Sacramento Outsiders, I offer my thanks and sincere apology for the environment in which you were forced to play. Even with the politics, I was proud of the way you played, and how you conducted yourselves under pressure. And finally, to all of the people who were involved in the tournament, this pertinent observation: If, in our leisure time, we can't play together as a unified department, how can we expect that our working interaction will be any more successful?

Jack Cummings
Sacramento OUTSIDERS

Service above and beyond the call of duty



Captain Bill Norton and Captain Steve Fistler.

Captain Steve Fistler of CDF and Captain Bill Norton of the Middletown Fire Protection District were recently presented with a Valor Award "For Service Above and Beyond the Call of Duty" at the Middletown Fire Protection District's Annual Firefighter Dinner.

On April 22, 1983, the Middletown Fire Protection District and the California Department of Forestry, Middletown Forest Fire Station, responded to a mobile home fire on Armstrong Street in Middletown. Both the Middletown and the CDF units arrived at approximately the same time. The mobile home was

engulfed in flames.

Witnesses at the fire scene said that there were people in the mobile home. Fistler and Norton entered the mobile home and rescued two victims, both 68 years of age. The two victims had first and second degree burns, a third victim perished in the fire. The burn victims were transported to the burn center in San Francisco and now are in good condition.

Without the quick action of Captains Fistler and Norton both burn victims would have perished in the fire.

Riverside RU leads in desert triathlon

The "3rd Annual Bud Light Desert Triathlon" was held at the Lake Caahuilla Park in Indio on Sunday, April 15, 1984. Both paid and volunteer personnel participated in the events.

Competition began with a swim at 8:00 a.m. and by 10:00 a.m., competitors were running the last "Lap" and the temperature had passed the 100-degree mark. Captain Mike McConnell, Riverside Ranger Unit, ran his team to a 1st place in the fire and police division; whereupon he collapsed at the finish line with heat stroke!

The race is Riverside County's only triathlon, and is the concluding event in the "Desert Valley games" for fire and police employees. Forty-eight individuals and 28 teams com-

peted for trophies in seven divisions.

CDF team #1 consisted of Tim Eckles, Wayne Murray and Mike McConnell; who took *1st place* in the overall competition. Tim Eckles, incidently, won 1st place in the police/fire triathlon.

An award ceremony took place following the competition, honoring those who placed in the various categories of the olympic type games.

Riverside Ranger Unit personnel took *1st place* as the overall olympic team in competition between police and fire agencies!

CONGRATULATIONS!
RIVERSIDE RANGER UNIT!

Riverside County Volunteer Firefighters honored

The California Department of Forestry/Riverside County Fire Department honored its 800+ volunteer firefighters with an appreciation dinner held at the Indio Fairgrounds, April 7, 1984. This bi-annual gala, the third of its kind, was funded by proceeds from a similar affair held in 1982.

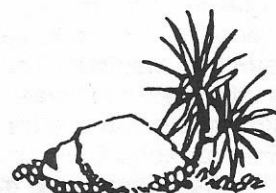
Volunteer firefighters and guests were served dinner by the Riverside supervisors and administrative officers. CDF Southern California Region Chief Rex Griggs, Senator Robert Presley, Riverside County Grand Jury, and many city managers were just a few of the guests honoring the volunteers for their service.

The evening's program, highlighted by a skit on: "The new volunteer firefighter" starring Chief Dave Flake and Riverside County Fire Department administration, set the mood for the evening festivities.

Awards to volunteer firefighters for five or more years of service were presented by their battalion chiefs. Special awards for 25 years or more of volunteer service; or "above and beyond the call of duty" were also presented by their respective county supervisors.

Volunteer personnel contributed 86,804 hours fighting fires and over 123,000 hours handling additional emergencies, fire prevention and public education programs during 1983.

Riverside County Supervisors also declared by proclamation the week of April 16th as "Volunteer Firefighter Week" in Riverside County: Honoring volunteer firefighters for their dedicated service.



Gratefully yours,

The following letter by Stephen Hobson is in appreciation for the life saving effort of a CDF crew:

Mr. Dave Mack
California Department of Forestry
P.O. Drawer #F2
Felton, CA 95018

Dear Mr. Mack:

In the afternoon of March 25th of this year I suffered the onset of a potentially major heart attack at Pescadero State Beach.

Due to the quick action of friends, the Paramedic unit at the Fire Station at Pescadero was notified and within minutes was at my side taking vital signs, administering oxygen, and generally - perhaps most importantly - providing me with comfort and reassurance until an ambulance was able to arrive.

Many factors contributed to my survival: a crack Cardiac team at Seton Hospital (directed by Dr. Goldschlager who administered a new drug, streptokinase), the propitious timing of events, and, of course, luck.

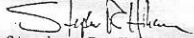
Another factor not to be ignored was my own hope and determination, both of which were buoyed considerably by the people under your command. As I was experiencing both terrible pain and not a little fear, the efficiency and calmness of those on the scene, talking to me, never leaving me alone, letting me know help was coming, kept me from panic and possibly further damage.

I want to take this opportunity to commend all of those in your unit, and in some way hoping to pay their efforts, I'm sending a donation to the Santa Clara Burn Center.

Aside from my gratitude, all I can do is hope that many other lives will be saved by your skills.

I will not forget.

Gratefully yours,


Stephen R. Hobson

This letter, written by Ranger-in-Charge Dave Mack is further acknowledgement of the job the Pescadero crew did:

To : John Salse, Fire Captain

Date : April 24, 1984

Telephone: ATSS ()
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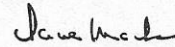
From : Department of Forestry

Subject: 2000 PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT
General
Incident #425

Attached is a copy of a letter I received today from Mr. Stephen Hobson of Palo Alto. As you can see, Mr. Hobson was very impressed with the service you and your crew provided during his heart attack on March 25, 1984.

All too often we get caught up in the pressures of public service and do not acknowledge the less obvious side of CDF Firemanship. In addition to efficiently administering first aid to Mr. Hobson, your crew provided "comfort and reassurance" at a time when he needed it most. The Pescadero crew showed another dimension of emergency services - sensitivity, and you should all be very proud.

Please convey my appreciation to Engineer Carla Wemp, Engineer Jim Bawcom, and Firefighter II Ed Won for representing CDF and themselves in a truly professional manner.



Dave Mack
Ranger in Charge

The Department of Forestry is presently in the process of converting the Fire Prevention Assistant from a seasonal to a permanent classification. The department anticipates testing to occur during July and an eligibility list to be established during August, 1984.

Fire Prevention Assistants will serve primarily as assistant coordinators for The Volunteers In (fire) Prevention Program (VIP). The "typical tasks" portion of the specification for the FPA has been revised to include; assists in recruitment, training, planning and coordinating the activities of citizen volunteers working in fire prevention program areas.

Positions are anticipated in the following ranger units: Lake-Napa, Shasta-Trinity, Nevada-Yuba-Placer, Amador-El Dorado, Tuolumne-Calaveras, Santa Clara, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Riverside.

The positions will remain in the miscellaneous retirement system. The salary ranger for FPA is projected to be \$995 - \$1153 per month.

100 years of service

Four employees of the Shasta-Trinity Ranger Unit recently received their 25-Year Awards. Fire Captains Melvin Brown, Phil Sizemore, and Claude Matheson, and Ranger I Reid Steinbach have served CDF for 100 years.

Brown began his career as a fire apparatus engineer in the Tehama-Glenn Ranger Unit in 1958. One year later he transferred to the Shasta-Trinity Ranger Unit and has been there ever since.

Sizemore joined CDF as a firefighter in the Shasta-Trinity Ranger Unit in 1958. In 1959 he promoted to fire apparatus engineer and transferred to Lassen-Modoc Ranger Unit. In 1967 he promoted again, this time to fire crew supervisor, and in March 1973 he returned to Shasta-Trinity Ranger Unit.

Matheson has spent his entire career with the Shasta-Trinity Ranger Unit. He began in 1955 as a firefighter and promoted in 1958 to forest fire truck driver. In 1959 he was granted educational leave to finish his education at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Matheson is presently at the French Gulch Forest Fire Station.

Steinbach began in the Shasta-Trinity Ranger Unit as a seasonal firefighter from 1953-1956. During the following years he served as a field trainee, junior forester, forester I and in 1977 became a ranger I. Matheson currently holds a position at the Redding Air Attack Base.

Bob Kutz elected president of local press club



Fire Captain Specialist Bob Kutz of the Fresno-Kings Ranger Unit has been elected president of the Fresno Press Club for the 1984-85 year. He has been a member of the club for seven years and a public relations representative for the Press Club Board of Directors the last four years.

Kutz has been assigned as Fresno-Kings Ranger Unit Information Officer since 1977 and has written numerous articles for the *Communiqué* as well as articles for local papers, radio and television stations.

His election reflects the respect that he has earned from all phases of the news media. The information section of the Fresno-Kings Ranger Unit has achieved a high level of professionalism as a result of Bob's hard work and dedication.

Information Officer Kutz was officially elected on April 24 and assumed the duties of his new position on that same date.

A humbling, but worthy loss for CDF

Spring is the time of year when professional basketball teams, after a long season, prove their determination to win. This same determination was displayed by a team of developmentally disabled men when they were challenged by CDF/Riverside County Fire Department to the second annual "Wheelchair Basketball Benefit".

Participants from CDF and Riverside County Fire Department included volunteers from both the paid ranks, and the Westend Volunteer Firefighter Association Membership. The starting line up included Dave Flake, Dave Driscoll, Theresa Rausch, Tom O'Keefe and Doug Butler.

The Rolling Start Road Runners representing Rolling Start Incorporated, an organization that works as a referral and training agency for the developmentally and severely disabled, set an exhausting pace and a relentless attack on the department team.

According to CDF/RCFD coach Terry Schmutz, last year his team suffered a humiliating defeat, 97-17. This year the game was a little closer, 52 to 48. However, the Rolling Start Roadrunners spotted the department team 35 points; according to information gathered through an investigative report. "Humiliated again, team." (But for a worthy cause)

The game raised over \$406 for Rolling Start Incorporated. The CDF/RCFD became involved in this fund raising effort as a form of retribution, according to Deputy Chief Glen Newman.

"We are always asking for help from the public and organizations in our fire department programs. This is a way to show the department's appreciation by organizing an event and participating in it to benefit others."

The following letter expresses the appreciation of Rolling Start Incorporated:

CDF 25-Year Club annual get- together

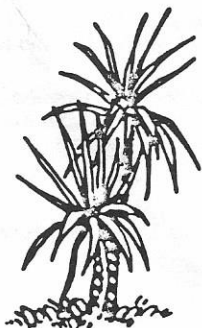
"Fantastic" describes the weather, scenery, and the southern California hospitality provided for the CDF's 25-Year Club at its annual get-together in Mission Bay, San Diego, on April 14 and 15.

Secretary-Treasurer Orv Ingram reported that 319 members and their guests attended the traditional Saturday afternoon gathering and the evening dinner and dance. Ingram gave high praise for the efforts of President Larry Young in organizing the event.

Charter members Fran Cowell and John Wade, acknowledged the year of eligibility by presenting the club's special rocking chair award to Howell Smith, 1966; Bob Vinar, 1970; Pat Walling, 1975; Ray Ritchey, 1979; John Loop and Greg Wayne, 1982; Bill Flesch, Neil McBride, and Art Zumwalt, 1983; and Jim Acheson, Dale Barcia, Larry Bent, Art Cole, John Francois, Gordon Ginn, Roy Killion, Ivan Phillips, Ron Smith, and Mike Valley, 1984.

Elected to lead the club during 1984 were President Ted Dean, Vice-President Jim Major, Secretary-Treasurer Orv Ingram, and Directors Arlene Taniguchi, Bob Kutz, and Ronald Thomas with Larry Young becoming junior past president.

President Dean announced the 1985 meeting will be held in Redding at the Red Lion Inn on April 20-21 and asks that all mark those dates on their calendars as a special event to attend.



Sonoma Muster Team places second



The Sonoma Ranger Unit Muster Team, Mark Barclay, Mike Edwards, Jim Gahagan, Gene Bach, Anthony Richardson, Gil Pridmore and Joe Silva.

The Sonoma Ranger Unit Muster Team made its debut during Cal Rural's Education Day at the Shasta County Fairgrounds in Anderson, California, on April 21st.

Calling themselves Mad Dog's Marauders, the team, made up of Mark Barclay, Mike Edwards, Jim Gahagan, Gil Pridmore, Anthony Richardson, and Joe Silva, put together a winning hose cart effort until they were beaten by their own hose cart and members from South Placer Fire District putting them in

second place. Mark Barclay placed first in the mask race for first-timers.

All-in-all, the team felt good about their first competition. The group worked hard together and expressed much gratitude to Chief Dave Stoddard of Citrus Heights and the Citrus Heights Muster Team for their efforts and guidance in the initial phases of getting started.

The team also expressed gratitude to Sonoma's Ranger-in-Charge, Gene Bach, for his support of the Muster Team.

A "new breed"



Basic Fire Control Class #87 graduated on May 18, 1984 as the first of a "new breed". As participants in the Joint Apprenticeship Program, they went through eight weeks of training prior to being assigned to a fire station.

Their training commitment now extends through the next three years during which time they will receive an additional 432 hours of specialized and refresher training.

According to class coordinator, Mike Boren, BFC #87 had a higher graduating percentage than any class during the last six years, losing only one student out of 31 participants.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

This listing of legislation affecting CDF is compiled monthly by the Legislative Office. For further information, please call (916) 445-6441 or (916) 445-6774, (ATSS) 485-6441 or (ATSS) 485-6774, or Green Phone 62. Updated as of 6-11-84

FIRE PROTECTION/PREVENTION & CAMPS

AB 2038 (Cortese) *General Plans: Court actions and proceedings.* (Last amended 5-9-84).—In Senate Committee on Local Government. NO APPROVED POSITION.

AB 2291 (Frazee) *Forestry: Campfires: Permits.* CDF Legislative Proposal #RA-84-22. (Last amended 2-29-84).—BILL DROPPED BY CDF.

AB 2321 (Jones) *Forestry: Burning Permits, Zones, Times.* CDF Legislative Proposal #RA-84-21. (Introduced 1-10-84).—In Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildlife. SUPPORT.

AB 2501 (Bronzan) *Injurious devices (booby traps).* (Amended 6-4-84).—Passed Assembly Committee on Ways and Means. SUPPORT.

AB 2818 (Johnston) *Arson - Register Past Offenders.* (Last amended 5-7-84).—In Senate Committee on Judiciary. SUPPORT IF AMENDED.

AB 3063 (Leonard) *Department of Forestry: Name change "Department of Forestry and Fire".* (Introduced 2-14-84).—In Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildlife. OPPOSE.

AB 3177 (Kelley) *Fire Suppression: Recovery of costs.* CDF Legislative Proposal #RA-84-25. (Amended 5-21-84).—Passed Assembly Committee on Ways and Means. SUPPORT.

AB 3564 (Waters, N.) *Prisoners.* (Introduced 2-17-84).—In Assembly Committee on Criminal Law and Public Safety. NEUTRAL.

ACR 150 (Waters, N.) *Fire Protection Schedule A Contracts* (Introduced 4-23-84).—In Assembly Committee on Local Government. NO APPROVED POSITION.

AJR 126 (Costa) *United States Bureau of Land Management: Payment of Debts.* (Introduced 4-5-84).—In Assembly Committee on Rules. SUPPORT.

SB 197 (Garamendi) *Tobacco Products: Fire safety performance standards.* (Last amended 5-23-84).—In Assembly Committee on Ways and Means. NEUTRAL.

SB 1334 (Ellis) *Authorized Emergency Vehicles: Size, weight and load — CDF Legislative Proposal #RA-84-23.* (Last amended 3-7-84).—In Assembly Committee on Ways and Means. SUPPORT.

SB 1395 (Alquist) *California Telecommunications Corporation.* (Last amended 5-16-84).—In Senate Third Reading. OPPOSE.

SB 1418 (Davis, E.) *Forestry: Arson - Evidence.* CDF Legislative Proposal #RA-84-24. (Introduced 1-19-84).—In Assembly Committee on Natural Resources. SUPPORT.

SB 1694 (Vuich) *Fire Prevention and Control: County Cooperative Agreements - Amador Plan.* CDF Legislative Proposal #RA-84-36. (Last amended 3-20-84).—In Assembly Committee Rules. SUPPORT.

SB 1787 (Petris) *Fire Protection and Resource Management.* (Amended 4-12-84).—In Senate Third Reading. OPPOSE.

SB 1933 (Campbell, W.) *State Fire Marshal: Fire Protection. Arson Investigation Training Fund.* (Last amended 5-22-84).—In Assembly Committee on Governmental Organization. SUPPORT IF AMENDED.

SB 2333 (Roberti) *Fireworks: Counties and Cities.* (Amended 5-31-84).—In Assembly Third Reading. SUPPORT.

SB 2334 (Ellis) *Fireworks: Counties and Cities.* (Amended 5-29-84).—In Assembly. NO APPROVED POSITION.

SCR 76 (Nielsen) *Smokey Bear. Happy Birthday.* (Introduced 5-3-84).—Resolution Chapter #37.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, ENGINEERING & TECHNICAL SERVICES

AB 2423 (Hauser) *Unemployment: Fishing and Timber.* (Amended 5-23-84).—In Assembly Third Reading. NEUTRAL.

AB 2695 (Hauser) *Forest Practices. Subdivision development exemption. TPZ/THP.* CDF Legislative Proposal #RA-84-29. (Last amended 3-12-84).—In Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildlife. SUPPORT.

AB 3235 (Goggin) *Water Quality. Task Force.* (Amended 6-7-84).—In Assembly. OPPOSE.

AB 3473 (Sher) *Forest Practices: Timber Harvesting Plan.* (Last amended 5-3-84).—In Assembly. OPPOSE.

AB 3838 (Farr) *Forest Practices: Timber Harvest Plan. Approval.* (Last Amended 4-23-84).—Passed Assembly Committee on Ways and Means. NO APPROVED POSITION.

SB 1231 (McCorquodale) *Taxation. Counties.* (Last amended 3-15-84).—In Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation. OPPOSE.

SB 1315 (Johnson, Ray) *Board of Forestry: Range Management Advisory Committee. Creation.* (Last amended 2-28-84).—In Assembly. OPPOSE.

SB 1724 (Keene) *Property Taxation: Timberland.* (Last amended 4-2-84).—In Assembly Committee on Ways and Means. SUPPORT.

SB 1726 (Keene) *Forest Resources Assessment and Policy Act.* CDF Legislative Proposal #RA-84-27. (Last amended 3-21-84).—In Assembly Committee on Natural Resources. SUPPORT.

SB 1816 (Maddy) *Residue Conversion.* (Introduced 2-14-84).—In Assembly Committee on Natural Resources. NEUTRAL.

SB 1929 (Campbell, W.) *State Purchasing: Co-Compost Products.* (Amended 4-30-84).—In Assembly Committee on Governmental Organization. SUPPORT.

SB 1971 (Nielsen) *Forest Practice: Timber Harvesting Plan.* (Introduced 2-16-84).—In Assembly Committee on Natural Resources. SUPPORT.

SB 2041 (Mello) *Forest Practices.* (Last Amended 5-9-84).—At Assembly Desk. SUPPORT IF AMENDED.

SB 2265 (Marks) *California Environmental Protection Program.* (Amended 6-4-84).—Passed Senate Committee on Finance. OPPOSE.

SB 2335 (Marks) *Forest Practices: Timber Operations: County Regulation.* (Introduced 4-4-84).—In Senate Third Reading. OPPOSE.

ADMINISTRATION

AB 2313 (Vasconcellos) *Budget Bill.* (Amended 5-25-84).—In Conference Committee.

AB 2314 (Vasconcellos) *Fiscal Affairs; Budget trailer bill.* (Last amended 5-21-84).—In Senate Committee on Rules.

AB 2424 (Stirling, L.) *Payment of Grant Moneys to Local Agencies.* (Amended 4-30-84).—Passed Assembly Committee on Ways and Means. NO APPROVED POSITION.

AB 2798 (Floyd) *State Employer-Employee Relations: Supervisory Employees.* (Introduced 2-8-84).—Passed Assembly Committee on Ways and Means. OPPOSE.

AB 3176 (Elder) *Workers' Compensation: State Safety Employees. 4800 Time.* (Last amended 4-3-84).—In Assembly Committee on Ways and Means. OPPOSE.

AB 3275 (Wright) *Examinations: Managerial Positions.* (Introduced 2-16-84).—In Senate Committee on Public Employment and Retirement. NO APPROVED POSITION.

AB 3361 (Elder) *State Peace Officer/Firefighter Members of Pers. 2% at Age 50 Retirement.* (Amended 6-7-84).—Passed Assembly Committee on Ways and Means. SUPPORT IF AMENDED.

SB 1378 (Alquist) *Budget.* (Amended 5-24-84).—In Assembly Committee on Ways and Means.

SB 1379 (Alquist) *Fiscal Affairs. Budget Trailer Bill.* (Amended 5-29-84).—In Conference Committee.

PERSONNEL TRANSACTIONS

NORTH COAST REGION

Transfers - FC James M. Epley to Alder CC; HEM Melvin G. Mitchell to Lake Napa; Steno. (B) Teri Gonzalez to Sonoma.

Promotions - Loyde F. Johnson to FC, Lake-Napa, Robert Paulus III and John Brydan to LT FC, Lake-Napa, Robert Ceriani to LT FC, Mendocino, Sam McMurry and Mark Barclay to LT FC, Sonoma, John Estrada to LT FAE, Lake-Napa, and Kenneth Fisher to LT FAE, Sonoma.

Appointments - Robert Barron, Edward Bielawski, and Steven Hutchison all to LT FAE, Lake-Napa, L. Kenneth Alford, Cesar Partida, Elizabeth Provost, and Terry Ridenhour all to LT FAE, Mendocino, Deanna Baxman and Jim Henney to LT FAE, Sonoma.

Separations - FAE Eduardo J. Perez, Lake-Napa, OA II (T) Linda Conner; and For. Aid Eric Schramm, Jackson Demo. St. Forest.

Reinstatement - FAE Timothy Streblov, Lake-Napa.

Retirement - FAE Bobby J. Whitten.

SIERRA CASCADE REGION

Transfers - SFR IV Robert E. Paulus to Nevada-Yuba-Placer; Steno. (B) Yvonne J. Nobles to Tehama-Glenn; and For. I Danny R. Walters to Latour St. Forest.

Promotion - James E. Hoffmier to SFR I, Nevada-Yuba-Placer.

25-Year Award - FCS Vernon G. Strong.

SOUTH SIERRA REGION

Transfer - HFEO Gary Brunius to Growlersburg CC.

Appointment - Deborah Solorio to OA II (T), Fresno-Kings.

Reinstatements - Edward Green to FAE, and Edwin Hutchison to FF II, both Fresno-Kings.

Separation - LT FAE Edward Chojnacki III, Fresno-Kings.

Retirement - Ofc. Tech. (T) Marie Robertson, Calaveras FC.

25 Year-Awards - SFR I Curtis A. Fox and FC Jerald L. Hales.

CENTRAL COAST REGION

Promotion - Rodney Musgrove to SFR II, Hqs.

Appointments - Gary Quinones to HFEO, San Benito-Monterey; Chiyoko Morita to Sec., and Charlotte Swinney to Sr. Acct. Clk., both Santa Clara.

Retirement - Asst. Chief Richard Bawcom.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION

Transfers - FC Vaughn Tripp to La Cima CC; HFEO John Livermore to Fenner CC; Steno, Annette Sanders and FAE Rodney J. Delgado to San Bernardino; FC Steven Faris to Hqs.; FC Thomas R. Adair, FAE Reg A. Jespersen; and Glen S. Delgadillo to San Diego; FAE's Charles Ross, Jeffery Millar, Robert Lewin, and Gary Kavanagh to Riverside.

Promotions - Joan Trujillo to Sr. Acct. Clk.; Jo

Ellen Harper to Ofc. Tech. (T); and Thomas J. Klimas to LT FAE, all Riverside; Diane Broussard to Sr. Acct. Clk., San Bernardino.

Appointments - Valerie L. Kawakami to LT FAE, San Diego; Kevin L. Miller to LT FAE; and Annette M. Bertrand to OA II (T); both Riverside; Joan E. Politte to OA II (T), San Bernardino; Carlos Serrano to FC, Oak Glen CC; Paul E. Ham to FFEO, Morena CC; Sisto Holguin Jr. to Janitor, Hqs.

Leave of Absence - Steno. Mary C. Gardner, Riverside; and FAE David M. Sexton, San Bernardino.

Separations - Steno. Laurie Homewood, San Bernardino; FAE Bobbie G. Marcia and FF II Carlos Ruiz, Riverside.

Retirement - FC George McGuire, Riverside.

SACRAMENTO HEADQUARTERS

Transfer - FC Bill Hodson to Academy.

Promotions - Stanley Craig to SFR I, Academy; Donna Mink and Al Cutler to PA II.

Appointments - Marcia Jorgensen to OA II (T); Katie Rawson to OA I (G); and Sheila M. Page to Steno. (B).

Separations - Acctg. Tech. Judy Woods and Research Spec. Elaine Russell.

Retirements - Asst. Dep. St. For. Audley Davidson; For. III Bob Maclean; and Elec. Engineering Tech. III Bill Barton.

The story on pg. 4 of the May Communique "Olympic gold for Siskiyou" should really have been two stories.

- 1: Paul Gianera at the 1984 Fire and Police Winter Olympics and
- 2: Paul Gianera, Marge Conner, and Dick Cowar at the CDF Ski Race at Echo Summit.

EXAMINATION CALENDAR

Upcoming Examinations

Title	Exam Base	Final Filing Date
Associate Budget Analyst	Department Promotional	July 12
Supervising Administrative Analyst (Acctg. Systems)	Department/Promotional	July 26

Examinations in Progress

Title	Status
Executive Secretary I/II	Interview anticipated in September and/or October

Final filing dates are tentative. Do **Not** submit applications for examinations until the Bulletin has been released.

Graduates



Standing on the right, Resources Agency Secretary Gordon Van Vleck presents a certificate of completion to SFR I Jim Abbott for graduating from the Resources Agency Executive Development Program.

During the two-year program, Abbott completed various management development projects while assigned to four separate Resources Agency Departments.

Editor Graduates

It has been nine months since our student assistant Lisa Boyd took over as editor of the *Communiqué*. It has been nine months of coming in two days a week to put the entire thing together while attending school the other three.

Two days a week to write, edit, prepare for word processing, organize photos and captions, come up with headlines, do the layout, prepare for the printing plant and get it out as close as possible to the beginning of each month.

But now, Lisa has graduated from the California State University, Sacramento, with a BA in journalism and a minor in communication studies. Therefore, she will have time to make the *Communiqué* even better and barring anymore backups in graphics, or machinery failures at the printing plant or DWR, you may just receive your future issues of *Communiqué* on time.

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